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In re the Application of:

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 30, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one month from December 30, 2002, to January 30, 2003, with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks set forth below is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 18, 20, 23-26 and 31-35 are pending in this application.

Section 112 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not being sufficiently described in the specification. In particular, the